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PTAB de-designates SharkNinja Operating LLC v. iRobot Corp.

In SharkNinja, the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) held that a real party in interest (RPI) analysis is not required at the institution phase of a trial proceeding absent an allegation from the patent owner that the petition would be time-barred, or the petitioner would be estopped based on an unnamed RPI (SharkNinja Operating LLC v. iRobot Corp., IPR2020-00734, Paper 11, at 16–20 (PTAB Oct. 6, 2020)). However, disclosure of RPIs serves purposes other than time-bar and estoppel issues.

SharkNinja is de-designated from precedential status and no longer binding on the PTAB.

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